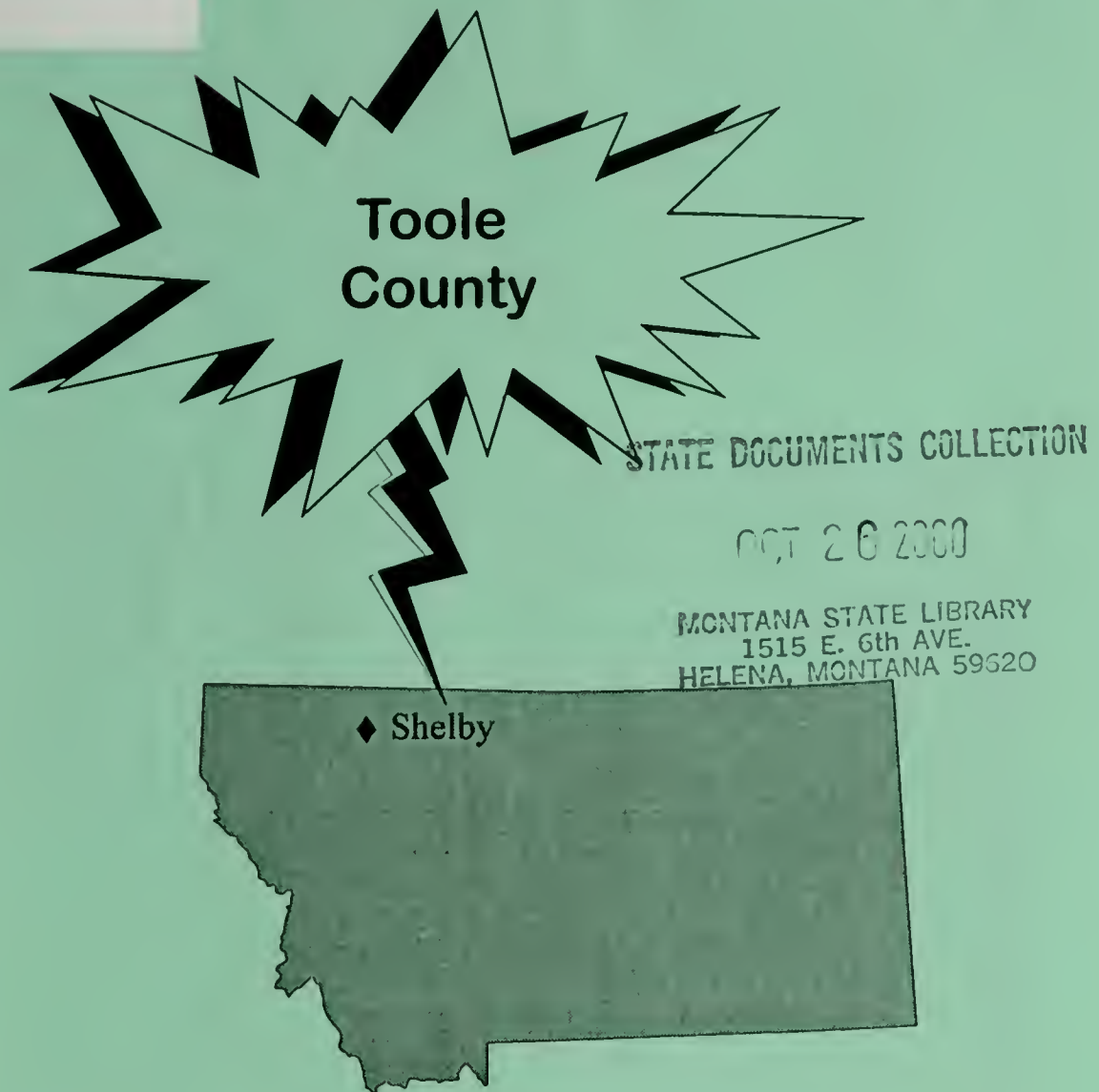


Department of Labor and Industry Labor Market Information for



Cities and Towns in Toole County

Devon ♦ Dunkirk ♦ Ethridge ♦ Ferdig ♦ Galata
Kevin ♦ Oilmont ♦ Shelby ♦ Sunburst ♦ Sweetgrass

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Toole County

Located in northern Montana, Toole County is Montana's 35th most populous with 5,046 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Shelby, the county seat, is the state's 27th largest city with a population of 2,763. Toole County, established in 1914, is named for Joseph K. Toole, Montana's first governor. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, Shelby was named for Peter Shelby, a railroad executive. The authors add it became a wild boom town after the Kevin-Sunburst oil field was discovered in 1920.

The Port of Sweetgrass, 35 miles north of Shelby, is the major port entry on the Alaska-Canada highway. It's the busiest port between Blaine, Wash. and Pembina, N. D.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Toole County households in 1989 was \$25,108. The county is 1,945.8 square miles in area; 1,910.9 square miles in land area and 34.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 4.8 degrees above zero and the average daily high in July was 82.5 degrees above. The average annual frost-free days is 126.

Toole County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/98 Estimate	7/1/97 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '98	% Change '90 to '97
Montana	880,453	878,730	799,065	10.2%	10.0%
Toole County	4,727	4,818	5,046	-6.3%	4.5%
Kevin*	Not Available	Not Available	185	Not Available	Not Available
Shelby*	Not Available	Not Available	2,763	Not Available	Not Available
Sunburst*	Not Available	Not Available	437	Not Available	Not Available

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

*Revisions will be available in August 1999

1998 New Businesses by Industry

Toole County

SIC Code*	Industry	# Of New Businesses
17	Special Trade Contractors	5
80	Health Services	3
86	Membership Organizations	3
58	Eating & Drinking Places	2
75	Auto-Repair Services	2
88	Private Households	2
54	Food Stores	1
52	Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply & Mobile Home Dealers	1
73	Business Services	1
	Total	20

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Toole County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem-ployed	Unem-employment Rate
1970	2,398	2,289	99	4.1%
1971	2,463	2,310	153	6.2%
1972	2,407	2,269	138	5.7%
1973	2,490	2,379	111	4.5%
1974	2,624	2,528	96	3.7%
1976	2,670	2,556	114	4.3%
1976	2,632	2,507	125	4.7%
1977	2,731	2,589	142	5.2%
1978	2,848	2,727	121	4.2%
1979	2,824	2,711	113	4.0%
1980	2,791	2,678	112	4.0%
1981	3,026	2,918	108	3.6%
1982	2,849	2,861	188	6.8%
1983	2,600	2,383	207	8.0%
1984	2,425	2,266	158	6.6%
1985	2,474	2,293	181	7.3%
1986	2,486	2,241	245	9.9%
1987	2,387	2,237	150	6.3%
1988	2,386	2,259	127	5.3%
1989	2,212	2,127	85	3.8%
1990	2,831	2,550	81	3.1%
1991	2,801	2,489	112	4.3%
1992	2,763	2,858	105	3.8%
1993	2,811	2,705	106	3.8%
1994	2,930	2,823	107	3.7%
1995	2,781	2,631	150	5.4%
1996	2,806	2,700	106	3.8%
1997	2,787	2,703	94	3.4%
1998	2,892	2,786	106	3.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (1998 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	2,432	1,383	1,049
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	522	274	248
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	277	163	114
Professional Specialty Occupations	245	111	134
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	621	176	445
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	49	6	43
Sales Occupations	222	109	113
Administrative Support Occupations, including Clerical	350	61	289
Service Occupations	342	121	221
Private Household Occupations	18	0	18
Protective Service Occupations	42	27	15
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	282	94	188
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	451	375	76
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	201	195	6
Mechanics and Repairers	65	65	0
Construction Trade	57	57	0
Extractive Occupations	17	17	0
Precision Production Occupations	62	56	6
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	292	239	53
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	64	36	28
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	124	108	16
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	104	95	9
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	3	3	0

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Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Shelby Area Chamber, P. O. Box 865, Shelby, MT 59474,
406-434-7184

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**
Shelby Job Service
402 First St. S., Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-5161

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities and towns of Ethridge, Galata, Kevin, Oilmont, Shelby, Sunburst and Sweetgrass Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Shelby--Courthouse, 406-434-5351

⇒ **Newspaper:**
Shelby Promoter, P. O. Box 610, Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-5171

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Toole County Library, 229 Maple Ave., Shelby, MT 59474, 406-434-5411
North Toole County Library, 201 First St. N., Sunburst, MT 59482,
406-937-6980

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Galata Elementary, Box 76, Galata, MT 59444, 406-432-2125
Shelby Public Schools, 1010 Oilfield Ave., Shelby, MT 59474,
406-434-2622
Sunburst Schools, Box 710, Sunburst, MT 59482, 406-937-7600

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Toole County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1997			
Industry	# of Establish-ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	271	1,803	\$37,394,825
PRIVATE BUSINESS	220	1,181	\$24,074,097
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	5	18	\$322,324
Agriculture Production/Crops	3	13	\$271,231
MINING	28	117	\$2,794,683
Oil & Gas Extraction	28	117	\$2,784,893
CONSTRUCTION	15	51	\$1,140,364
Special Trade	10	46	\$1,119,703
MANUFACTURING	7	31	\$486,483
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	27	240	\$6,924,981
Trucking-Warehousing	11	87	\$2,677,828
Transport Services	7	77	\$1,750,813
Communication	3	28	\$831,215
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	3	38	\$1,540,367
WHOLESALE TRADE	20	114	\$3,895,823
Nondurable Goods	17	83	\$3,091,902
RETAIL TRADE	50	318	\$3,301,858
Food Stores	4	53	\$868,577
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	8	35	\$538,647
Apparel & Accessories	4	5	\$43,666
Eating & Drinking	26	143	\$685,569
Miscellaneous Retail	8	33	\$559,317
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	11	76	\$2,025,302
Banking	5	51	\$1,433,588
Insurance Agents	4	21	\$514,711
SERVICES	64	208	\$3,382,169
Hotels & Lodging	5	24	\$138,978
Business Services	7	16	\$287,586
Auto Repair Services	5	8	\$100,141
Amusement & Recreation	5	41	\$530,469
Health Services	13	49	\$1,438,781
Legal Services	4	5	\$77,882
Social Services	8	21	\$224,210
Membership Organizations	3	3	\$36,102
Engineering Services	6	18	\$409,243
Private Households	3	2	\$38,154
GOVERNMENT	42	822	\$13,320,828
State	10	46	\$1,341,719
Local	17	504	\$6,930,811
Federal	15	89	\$3,048,198

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
(Totals may not add due to rounding.)
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**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	3,558	8,842	15,067	16,005	18,818	17,709	17,709	18,602	19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Toole County	4,657	10,098	17,818	20,050	18,001	22,843	19,040	21,892	22,825
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1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

<i>School Age</i>	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	587	309	0	0	22	10	2	1	7	3	4	1
12-14	253	130	1	1	8	6	0	0	4	2	1	1
15-17	228	111	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
18-21	151	66	0	0	7	3	0	0	3	1	1	0
<i>Total</i>	1,219	816	2	2	40	21	2	1	15	7	6	2

<i>Working & Voting Age</i>	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	3,644	1,839	4	3	69	40	11	8	20	10	2	1
16-64	2,827	1,393	4	3	67	39	11	8	18	10	2	1
18+	3,486	1,765	3	2	67	38	11	8	20	10	2	1
18-64	2,669	1,319	3	2	65	37	11	8	18	10	2	1

<i>Other Age Group</i>	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	346	163	0	0	18	8	3	2	4	2	0	0
5-17	1,068	550	2	2	33	18	2	1	12	6	5	2
18-44	1,712	829	1	1	48	28	8	6	10	6	2	1
45-64	957	490	2	1	17	9	3	2	8	4	0	0
62+	948	510	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
65+	817	446	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	4,900	2,478	5	4	118	64	18	11	36	18	7	3

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Toole County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Toole County	County of Work	# Who Live in Toole County
Out of State	0	Out of State	3
Cascade County	43	Cascade County	16
Glacier County	39	Glacier County	44
Hill County	28	Liberty County	20
Pondera County	66	Pondera County	26
Toole County	2,264	Toole County	2,264
Yellowstone County	22	Other Montana Counties	8
Other Montana Counties	23		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.